

## THE CAT.

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### COLBY.

Colby at present has thirty houses up and going up. Groceries, dry goods, hardware, clothing, boots and shoes, and drugs, are represented by enterprising business men. Two good livery stables with plenty of good stock are on the ground. One hotel serves to feed the people. One blacksmith, a dozen carpenters, one butcher shop, a printing office, one furniture store, a barber shop, an agency for the sale of wind mills, two land offices, half a dozen residences and a school house comprise the most of the interests in town at present. Colby is the live town of Thomas county. It is surrounded by a rich grassy, treeless country, with plenty of fresh water and sunlight prevailing. The land is very smooth and pretty. At present Colby has about 200 inhabitants and is five weeks old. Thomas county has an estimated population of 1200 and settlers coming in rapidly. The Chicago Lumber Company will furnish lumber for Thomas county and half of Lawrence and all of St. John, as they establish a yard at Monument and one at Colby, having bought Mr. Chase, Page's lumber interests. Colby is located in a fertile country and in a healthy region. Come and see us.

### The Homestead Question.

We have never before known in Kansas among what may be called "towns people" and professional men, so much interest as is now manifested in the homestead question.

Soldiers who have never before thought of availing themselves of their right; clerks and men of salary who have toiled for years and never achieved a home; preachers who have moved about so much that it has never occurred to them that they would ever create a home, are now daily appearing at the CHAMBERLAIN office, and asking questions about the homestead law and the homestead country as if this was a land agency, instead of a newspaper shop. Many seem to have just now come to a realizing sense, after so long, that the United States really has land to give to people who comply with certain not unreasonable conditions, and pay certain not onerous fees. They have seen thousands pass them by, going to the homestead country and never thought of joining the procession or even inquiring of the country whether it was bound. Some of them speaking sadly as of a lost opportunity, saying, "Why, when I came here, I could have taken the very land on which I have since seen towns and cities built."

Those who talk to us on the land question do not, as a rule, speak of taking up land as a speculation, of selling it sooner or later, but of holding it for themselves and their children. The old cry, you remember, with which the Republicans carried the homestead act was "land for the landless and homes for the homeless." Now the landless want their lands and the homeless want their homes. That sentiment which leads a man to wish for a home, where he may gather "the sum of his possessions and fortunes," may slumber long, but it awakens at last in the heart of every man, not by nature a vagabond.

This feeling of interest we mentioned in the beginning of this article, proves two things, the demonstrated wisdom of the homestead act, and the demonstrated value of Kansas. Those who have been long indifferent and unregarding, now wonder that they did not long ago avail themselves of the act, and those who once doubted the agricultural or even pastoral value of Kansas, now say that they would be glad to secure almost any quarter section within the boundaries of the State.

As in most things, "distance lends enchantment to the view," in this homestead matter. Of those who have in years past gone to the homestead country thousands and have left their claims on the first coming of disaster, others have bartered their claims for a trifle, others seemed to have no other purpose in proving up except to secure some money on a mortgage, and leave the country. They have abandoned without a thought, the homes that other men fight for. The stories of the

gives from the homestead country have filled eastern Kansas for years, and have conveyed an impression of the worthlessness of the region and thriftlessness of the stamperers. It is a small fraction, after all, of those who have first gone on the public lands in Kansas who have remained through evil unto good report and have converted the doubters.

It is not every man who can succeed in the homestead country. There are men who would fail, no matter what the surrounding circumstances. But it is certain that many men in the crowded parts of the country would do well to go to the front. Single men, especially, who are folding idle hands in cities, or working for others rather than for themselves, would do well to make the trial. Web Wilder was telling us the other day of a mutual friend, who, finding himself advanced in life, out of heart and out of money, went out to the homestead country. He has not found his money, but he has got his heart back. He lives on a few cents a day, five or six, we believe Wilder said; in a shanty he built himself, his only care being to put on the siding close enough to keep the wind from blowing out the lamp by which he reads at night, for he is of the number of those, who, wherever they are, must needs keep good society through books, conversing thus with philosophers, sages, travelers, lawgivers, story-tellers, saints, apostles and confessors. Thus he lives, healthier, and happier than before in years, feeling less than before the loss of broad acres which once were his.

It occurred to us that this was more sensible as well as more wonderful than Thoreau's "Walden Pond" experience. By that experience Thoreau gained only the knowledge that a man may, with very little manual labor, support himself on thirty or forty dollars a year. But our friend will have to show for his sacrifice one hundred and sixty acres of Kansas land, an estate. If he raises a crop the present season, the sharpest edge of his hardship will be dulled, and if he attains yet to a competency and comfort, he will only do what thousands have done in Kansas and throughout the West.

With such an example of heroism as displayed to us in this homesteader's example, we certainly advise a stout generation of young Americans to try the homestead country. — Atchison Champion.

### Thomas County.

### The Smoothest and Prettiest Country in the Whole List.

Thomas county is in the second tier of Kansas counties and one county east of the Colorado line. It is 36 by 30 miles and contains a population of about 1200 people and rapidly increasing. The boom that is setting towards Thomas county is unabated and rather increases in volume as the season advances. The soil of the county is the same in all parts, being a dark vegetable earth from 2 1/2 to 4 feet deep; below is a yellow looking soil that is very productive but contains more clay than the upper formation. The soil of Thomas county is one of the finest in Kansas.

Where farming has been done crops have been raised, such as rye, sorghum, millet, wheat and corn. Corn is not a sure crop however, but it is expected when the soil is broken and water that does fall can penetrate the earth the corn crop will be more certain. Where the soil is unbroken the water rushes off into the draws over the stiff buffalo soil and is lost to the land.

The nearest railroad point is Monument on the Kansas Pacific road, 20 miles south of Colby, the new and flourishing town of Thomas county which will, without doubt be the County Seat.

Water can be had here by digging from 2 to 140 feet. You are sure of getting water and the usual depth is from 50 to 85 feet. The water is soft and pure and free from all substances that would impair the health. No better water can be found in any country.

Coal is obtained at Monument on the railroad form \$3.50 to \$5 per ton by the car load. The coal is obtained from the Colorado mines, Colby being only 225 miles from Denver, where eggs, poultry and other produce can, and is being shipped with great profit to the producer.

The heat in summer is not great and winter's cold is not excessive. Stock are wintered through on the native grasses, the buffalo and bunch grass predominating.

With a few cattle for a start and a team, any industrious man can support a family. There are certain crops here, as stated above, that are almost certain. Rye is one, sorghum another, millet is a pretty sure crop, while wheat and corn are not so sure, but can be raised. The wise settler will combine stock raising and farming in Thomas county, and he will succeed in securing himself a home in a healthy climate and providing for his family. There is government land yet in Thomas county. We know there has been a rush to this county this spring, but government land can be obtained yet.

The Chicago Lumber Company will furnish settlers with lumber at Monument and at Colby, at reasonable rates for building.

The advantages of Thomas county are as seen at this time, large areas of smooth, rich and cheap grassy lands, easy communication with the railroad now built and in operation, with a prospect for other roads, cheap fuel obtained from Colorado, a large substantial and intelligent settlement here and still coming in, a lively town, Colby, springing up as if by magic, where supplies of all kinds are kept, and a center of information and sociability for all. These are some of the inducements to settle in Thomas county.

## FURNITURE.

Jas. Auld.

I HAVE A FULL LINE OF

Beadsteads,  
Cots and  
Mattresses,  
Safes,  
Tables,  
Chairs,  
Wash  
Stands,  
Mirrors,  
&c., &c.

Land Papers, Town Lots

ALL KINDS OF LAND PA-

PERS MADE OUT AND

TOWN LOTS

FOR SALE.

JAS. AULD,

Notary Public.

Come and see.

## U. S. LAND OFFICE At Colby

There is no question about the justice of the Oberlin Land Office being moved further west. The only question is what point should it be moved to. We unhesitatingly say that Colby is the right place, being central, easy of access and nearer the great body of unbroken public land. By adding St. John and Wallace counties to the district and town ten in Thomas county, Colby would certainly be chosen as the location. Look at the map and see if we are not correct. While we have no word to say against our neighbor for seeking the location, we insist that Colby would accommodate the greater number of people.

### ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

T. P. Feehan has nice corn beef on hand if he does not have the fresh, but he has been killing a beef every week. Tom is an expert butcher, cleanly about his work and everything up in good order. Call on him if you want fresh meats or nice cured ham or breakfast bacon.

The Rev. A. Pharo, the Methodist minister, we are authorized to announce, will preach at the school house next Sunday at the usual hour in the forenoon, alternating every Sabbath with Rev. Crouse. Sunday school every Sabbath in the forenoon. All are cordially invited to attend.

It seems to be generally understood that there will be a celebration at Colby. One of the best results from such a meeting is for the people of Thomas county to get better acquainted. The settlers are mostly new in the county, and unacquainted with each other. Come together then and become acquainted. Colby will do what she can to make every one comfortable.

The delightful strains of sweet music came floating to our ears one evening last week, and we proceeded to investigate. We found a church organ in a tent near by, played by a lady and several young men were "joining in" with the instrument and the lady who led, and such pieces as "Held the Fort," "Home, Sweet Home," "Jesus, Lover of my soul" were being executed in good style.

Thomas county has already a railroad on her Southern border. It is only 20 miles from the Kansas Pacific railroad to Colby, which is near the center of the county. All supplies come by way of monument to Colby. The daily papers from Kansas City reach Colby in one and a half days. Daily communication between Colby and Monument, which is our nearest point on the K. P. We not only have this road near us already but our prospects for two roads are good.

Frank Barclay, of Beatrice, who has broken land and put up a house in township 8, is on his way out with his family. Frank W. Barclay, his son, has also built a house and broken land on an adjoining section. C. S. Fostelman, another prominent Beatrice man, is en route for the same township. Barclay writes that they will drive out, bringing all that is necessary to convert a sod house into a palace—the latter remark probably being a covert allusion to rattlesnake salicide.

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